555th Forward Surgical Team

Surgical Training Exercise

3-7 May 2004

Quarterly Field Training Exercise

- This exercise is a quarterly training event in which the surgical team evaluates its ability to provide operative care on the battle field.

555th FST Request

- Approval of Darnall Army Community Hospital Commander (DACH) to sanction the 555th FST to perform minor surgical operations in a field environment.

555th FST Support Requirements

- Infection Control to Inspect and approve the surgical area for patient care.
- CMS support with instrument sterilization and surgical supplies.
- Industrial hygiene to support waste and sharp disposal.

Patient Flow

- Same Day Surgery (SDS) will process and discharge all patients.
- Patients will be counted towards DACH surgical case workload.
- All required DACH paperwork will be completed prior to patients being returned to SDS.

Patient Flow

- Patients will be picked up from SDS by FST personal and taken to a field ambulance in the vicinity of the Emergency Room (ER).
- The Field Ambulance will take the patients to the helicopter pad adjacent to the ER and load them on to a UH60.

Patient Flow

- Patients will be flown for approximate 30 minutes to simulate theater evacuation.
- After the predetermined amount of time the UH60 will land in the vicinity of the FST and the patients will be transferred into the FST’s triage section.

Patient Flow

- All patients will receive preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative care by the FST.
- Once the patient meets discharge requirements they will be transferred back to SDS via field ambulance for final discharge instruction and release.

Benefits

- The benefits of supporting this training exercise are:
  - Realistic training
  - Joint training
  - Surgical workload

In Closing

- Patients will be escorted at all times by FST personal.
- Patients will be processed through DACH for acuity and accountability.
- 555th FST will meet the same standard of care as provided by DACH.